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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _14_____**

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to develop a Parents as Teachers (PAT) program.

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Whereas, Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers;

Whereas, Research has shown that greater parental involvement in children's learning is vital in the development of academic skills, including reading and writing;

Whereas, Early childhood professionals suggest that a program to help parents understand their role in the development of their children starting at birth could help prepare children for success in school and in life;

Whereas, Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an early childhood parent education and support program designed to give parents this needed information and encouragement from pregnancy until their children enter kindergarten;

Whereas, Early intervention by parents can help detect any developmental problems their children may be experiencing and help develop a strong partnership between parents and schools;

Whereas, Parents as Teachers families come from all socio-economic levels and all types of communities - rural, urban, and suburban;

Whereas, Parents as Teachers has received many awards



in recognition of its outstanding work, among them the Ford Foundation and Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government "Innovation in State and Local Government Award" (1987), the Lela Rowland Award for outstanding achievement and promise in prevention programming by the National Mental Health Association (1995), and the New York Festival's Award for the video component of the Born to Learn Curriculum for excellence in international communications media (1998); and

Whereas, It is the responsibility of all parents to give their children a strong foundation on which to build a successful life; Parents as Teachers can help parents succeed: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to urge all
- 2 school corporations in Indiana to develop a Parents as Teachers
- 3 program to help parents provide the encouragement and support their
- 4 children need during the crucial early years of their children's lives.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana
- 7 Superintendent of Education.

